NONE BVT CHRIST, NONE BUT CHRIST.

Intimating,

That in him, who is the Lord of Lords and Prince only, is to be found the full and absolute cure of Mans *Miserie.*

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Acts 4. 12.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for among men there is given none other Name under Heaven, whereby we must be saved.

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TO
THE RIGHT
HONOURABLE
ALLEN COTTON,
Lord Major of the City
of *London*, all Comfort
in Chriſt.

Right Honourable,

AS Chriſt is ſaid to be the *Author* and finiſher of our faith, ſo is he the proper cauſe of all ſpirituall joy and rejoycing, *Luk.* 1.44. Chriſt

Mal. 4. 2. alwayes brings with him all true health and happineſſe. By Chriſt, 1 Theſ. 1. 10. Gods juſtice is ſatisfied, *Eph.* 5. 2. his wrath appeaſed, the Curſe of the 1 Cor. 15. 55, 56, 57 Law aboliſhed, *Gal.* 3. 13. Sin, Death and Hell vanquiſhed, the Devill ſubdued, *Heb.* 2. 14. and our ſelves and ſoules only by Chriſt eternally ſaved. Seeing Chriſt 2 Tim. 1. 10 then is not aſhamed to owne us, *Heb.* 2. 11. we ſhould not be aſhamed to owne him, no, not if Mar. 12. 39. need be, before an adulterous

terous and ſinfull generation. But as in heart to beleeve in him, ſo with mouth & tongue to confeſſe him, with our ſoule to magnifie him, and with our ſpirit within us evermore to be uttering forth of his moſt worthy prayſes. To this end, I preſumed ſome yeers ſince, with the poor widow, to caſt into the Lords Treaſury this ſmall Mite, called *None but Chriſt:* Which howſoever it hath been often imprinted, yet

Rom. 10. 10.

Luk. 1. 46, 47.

hitherto dedicated to none but unto your Honourable Selfe. The cauſes mooving Mee hereunto are not a few, eſpecially when I call to remembrance that unfained love, which at the firſt ſprang toward me, from your deare Brethren, and my faithfull and Worſhipfull good friends Mr. *William* and Mr. *Roger Cotton* (both well reported of for good works) and ever ſince their deceaſe, hath bin moſt freely & firmly

firmly rooted, and ſetled toward me in your worthy ſelfe. And not onely ſo, but for many yeers really expreſſed; to the no little comfort of me and mine. In lieu whereof, Right Honourable, lo here, by way of gratitude, and thankfulneſſe, a little Balme, a little Hony, a little Spices, Myrrhe, &c. of each (I ſay) a little, which out of my extream poverty, I doe moſt willingly, joyfully and cheerefully

Gen. 43. 11.

2 Cor 8. 2

preſent your Honour withall, at your firſt initiation into your ſo great and weighty a calling: Wherein, that as another happy *Boaz* you may carry your ſelfe worthily in *Ephratah*, and be famous in this our [a] *Bethelem*; there ſhall not be wanting his poore prayers who ever reſts,

Your Honors humbly at commandement,

CLEMENT COTTON.

[a] *London, a plentifull ſtore-houſe, as of corporall, ſo of ſpirituall bread.*

To the Reader.

Amongſt the many miſeries that have light upon us, by the fall of our firſt Parents, thoſe of the Soules are chiefeſt; and amongſt them, this is not the leſt, that though we be convinced by the word and Spirit, to be forlorn Creatures, yet we naturally ſhun to take any knowledge thereof. No man is rocked ſo faſt aſleep in the cradle of ſecurity, but at one time or another, this alarum rings in his eares: Thou haſt

Rom. 3.19
Joh. 16.8
Act. 58.37

Rom. 3.19
Eccl. 11.9 & 12.14.
Hab. 3.16.
Dan 5.6.
Act. 24 25
1 Pet. 4.18
Lam. 3.40
1 Cor. 11. 32.
Rom. 8.7, 8.
Isa. 65.2.
Rom. 2 16.

haſt ſinned, and therefore muſt come to judgement. *But who trembleth in himſelfe at the ſound thereof, that he might find reſt in the day of trouble?*

It cannot be but theſe troubled thoughts *will now and then faſten upon the moſt hard-hearted impenitent ſinner*, ſurely all things are not well between *God* and me; *and* what will become of me another day? *And yet where is he or ſhe for all that who will preſently fall to* ſearching *and* judging *of himſelfe, that he* might not be judged of the Lord? *No, the heart of man is naturally ſwolne with ſuch a deviliſh pride, that though he know God is, and will be* his Judge, *yet will he not make* ſup-

ſupplication to his Judge. *And albeit we know that God* reſiſteth the proud, *and hath decreed in himſelfe to ſtain all the glory thereof, yet* walk we on ſtill in our pride, againſt him. But who was ever fierce againſt him and proſpered?

Job. 9.15. 1 Pet. 5. 5, 6. Iſa. 23.9. Dan 4. 29, 30. 1 Cor. 10. 22. Job 9.4.

Thou then that art as yet in this naturall eſtate, I wiſh thee in the name of God ſpeedily to examine thy ſelf upon thy bed, and between the Lord & thee, propound theſe queſtions to thy ſoule. Soule, what ſayſt thou to the guilt of *Adams* ſinne? It is imputed to thee, I pray thee how ſhall wee anſwer it? Thou knoweſt that this guilt binds us over to eternall death, there is no fleeing for us, from the face of the

Pſal. 4.4. Zeph. 21. Rom. 5.12 Rom. 5.16 & 6. 23. Pſ. 139.7. 2 Cor. 5. 10.

the Judge; what ſhall be-
Act.17.31 come of thee and me, in the
day of the Lords wrath?
Iſa.61.6. Thou knoweſt, that all our
Iob 14.4 righteouſneſſe is but as fil-
Pſa.67.7. thy clouts; and how ſhall
we be able to ſtand before
Hab.1.13 the Lords pure eyes, which
Ezra 9 6. can behold no impurity?
Thou knoweſt alſo, that
our ſinnes are above mea-
Rom.7.23 ſure ſinfull, yea, farre excee-
Pſ.40.12. ding the ſands of the Sea,
Pſa.38.4. both for weight and num-
ber; muſt they not needs
then ſinke us to Hell, with-
out recovery? For Gods
Rev.2.21. ſake (O my Soule) let us
Lam.3.40 looke about us, and whileſt
ſpace, place, and meanes are
allotted us, ponder we ſeri-
ouſly theſe things in time.
Let us, I pray thee, take un-
to

to us words, and now, even now, turne againe unto the Lord, from whom we have too too long moſt wofully erred: Beſeech wee him, that hee would take away all iniquity, and receive us graciouſly, that we may ever hereafter render him the calves of our lips. Hoſ. 14. 2. Iſa. 53. 6.

Thus, or in the like manner, ſhould every one that meanes to eſcape the judgement of God, *and the juſt* damnation of Hell, *queſtion and reaſon with his owne ſoule. For it is not the* guiltleſſe, *but the* guiltie, *that prizeth a pardon; it is not the* whole, *but the* ſicke, *that is glad of the Phyſician: So, if ſinne make thee not ſick at the very heart, thou wilt not eſteeme of Chriſt* Rom. 2. 3. Mat. 23. 33. Luk. 15. 18, 19. & 18. 13. Mat. 9. 12. Act. 2. 37, 38.

Christ, nor of the salvation which he hath brought for all broken-hearted sinners, no more than of a rush.

Luk. 4.18 Mat. 12.5.

A little to helpe thee then, that hast not yet felt thy spirituall sickneſſe (and also somewhat to refreſh the memory of thoſe who have) here is in a ſhort ſumme diſcovered unto thee, ſome of the maladies of thy ſoule, ſhewing thee how Chriſt is both the Phyſician, and medicine of them ſeverally, as the Title given to the Booke, None but Chriſt, None but Chriſt, *gives thee to underſtand.*

Touching the which, if thou wouldeſt I ſhould yeeld thee a reaſon; then know, that I took it not up at randome, but as I found them the words, and

thoſe

thoſe the laſt words of a conſtant Martyr of Chriſt, John Lambert *by name: which (as I conceive) being uttered by him, as the triumphant voyce of Faith, after that he had, through the power of Chriſt, put to flight the feare of Hell, Sinne, and Death, &c. (as by doubling of them may appeare:) So by way of imitation, I thinke them (not tying any to ſillables) well beſeeming the thoughts and ſpeeches alſo of every Chriſtian, upon ſafe and ſure grounds, as in their daily, ſo even in their laſt conflicts to be taken up and uſed. Not as if hereby it were my meaning to exclude or ſhut out either the Father, or the holy Ghoſt, from having an hand in the worke of our ſalvati-*

See Joh. 3.

Titus 3.5.

Rom.8.34

ſalvation, as well as Chriſt: but attributing the ſame to him onely, as to the ſole meritorious cauſe thereof: And ſo I bid thee heartily farewell.

Thine in Chriſt,

C. C.

NONE BVT CHRIST.

1 *Fall.*

I am fallen in Adam, *I am falne, I am fallen: Oh! who ſhall raiſe me?* Rom. 5.12 Amos 7. 2, 5, 1.

None but Chriſt, who as hee is ſet for thy *upriſing*, *Luk.* 2.34. ſo is he perfectly able to keepe thee, *that thou fall not againe* from thine owne ſtedfaſtneſſe. Heb. 7.25 Joh. 10.28, 29. Jude 24. 2 Pet. 3.17

2 *Guilt.*

By my fall I have offended an infinite Majeſty: and who ſhall plead for me? 1 Sam. 2.25. Jer. 23.24 Pſa. 98.5.

None but Chriſt, who being alſo an infinite Majeſty,

Rom.

Isa. 63.1. Act.20.18 Rev. 1.5.

Rom.9.5. hath by his owne blood, fully satisfied the justice of his Father for the offence this way committed

Rom.5.10

against him, 1 Pet.2.24,25. Eph.5.2.

3 *Enmity.*

This offence hath bred enmity between God and me, Col. 1.21. *And you that were sometimes alienated, & enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. Who is meet to reconcile us?*

2 Cor.5.19 Rom.3.25 Col.2.20, 21.

None but Christ, who also by his blood hath not onely made perfect Peace between *God* and thee, but hath so ratified and confirmed the same, that nothing shall be ever able to dissolve it.

Ephes. 2. 16,17.

4 *Strangeness.*

Eph.4.18

This enmity hath bred strange-

ness

ceſſe between God & me, Col. 1.21. & who ſhal bring me into fellowſhip with him again? 1 Cor. 1.9. 1 Joh. 1.3, 5, 6, 7.

None but Chriſt, who hath ſuffered for ſinnes, the juſt for the unjuſt, not onely that he might bring thee to God, but hath ſo ſetled this fellowſhip between him and thee, (who art by faith ingrafted in him) that none ſhall be ever able to break it off again, *Jer.* 32.40. 1 Pet. 3.18. Rom. 5.2. Joh. 1.12. Rom. 8.35

5 *Faith.*

But alas, I am uncleane, I am unclean. For behold I was born in iniquity, and in ſinne hath my mother conceived me, and who ſhall now cleanſe me? Job 14.4. Levit. 13.45. Pſa. 51.5.

None but Chriſt, who not onely is that Lambe of God, who taketh away *the* Zach. 13.1.

a Signifying that original sinne, which is the fountain of all sinne.

b And thus we find in our nature that holinesse which by nature we want. Isa. 60.2. Mat.4.16. Joh.1.5. 1 Joh.5.19

c 2 Cor.4.4 Jer.18.17 Luk.1.79 & 2.32.

Joh.12.46

Joh. 15. Eph.5.8.

a sinne of the world, *Joh.* 1. 29. but was also *borne holy*, and *conceived by the* b *holy Ghost*, *Luke* 1. 35. to cover the impurity of thy conception and birth, *Heb.* 2. 11.

6 Darknesse.

And thus as a woful wight, sit I in double darknesse, having justly lost by this my sorrowfull down-fall with the c *light of Gods Image*, Ephes. 4. 18. *the light of Gods countenance; and who now shal be a light to me?*

None but Christ, who is come a Light into this world to the end, that whosoever beleeveth in him, should not onely not abide in darknesse, but might also have the light of life. *John* 8. 12.

7 Dead.

Not onely am I drenched in this

this wofull darknes, but there-in by nature I lye ſtarke dead in treſpaſſes and ſinnes; who ſhall now quicken me? Eph. 2.5 Mat. 4.16

None but Chriſt, who is not onely come, that thou mighteſt have *life*, and that alſo in abundance, but ſo to confirme thee in this life, (if thou beleeve in him) that thou ſhalt *never dye*, *Joh.* 11.25. & 14.19. Beleeveſt thou this. Joh. 5.25. 2 Tim. 1. 10. Job 10.10

8 *Corrupt.*

But I ſenſibly feele (to my utter undoing I fear) that the devill hath ſhed into my whole man, the venome and poyſon of his curſed nature, Joh. 8.44. *who ſhall cure me of it?* Rom. 3.13 Ro. 7. 24

None but Chriſt, who came not onely *to looſe the works of the devill* in thee, but 1 Joh. 3.8.

but which more is, to make thee partaker of the divine [a]nature, 2 Pet. 1. 4. Heb. 2. 11.

[a] Not of the substance, but of the divine qualities.

9 *Bondage.*

And to this vile corruption am I by nature a servant and wretched bond-man; who shall free me from so woful a slavery?

None but Christ, who came not only to *preach deliverance* to such miserable captives as thou art, but that in setting thee free, thou mightest [b] be *free indeed*, Joh. 8. 38.

Joh. 8. 34. 2 Tim. 2. 26.

Ro. 7. 55.

Luk. 4. 18

[b] That is, that wee might have not a fained but a true liberty and freedome from all infernall foes.

10 *Penury.*

A man may have light, life, and liberty, and yet perish for lack of food, who shall furnish my poor [c] affamished soul with that?

None but Christ, who first (if thou beest athirst) bids

[c] Ps. 106. 15.

bids thee come come to him & drink of the water of life, *and that* c *freely*, not for a while to quench thy thirſt; but that in drinking of the water which he ſhall give thee, thou mighteſt d *never be more athirſt*, ſeeing it ſhall be in thee a Well of water ſpringing up to everlaſting life, Joh. 4. 13, 14. & 7. 38.

And he alſo is that *bread of life* which came downe from Heaven, Joh. 6. 48. 51. of which, if by faith thou ſpiritually eateſt, it ſhall not onely preſerve thy ſoule from famiſhing and death, but ſhall cauſe it to live for ever, Joh. 6. 51.

Joh. 7. 37. Iſa. 55. 1.

c Rev. 22. 17.

d *That is, ſuch ſhall never be ſo thirſty, but the ſpirit of grace (as an everliving fountain) will be at hand to ſatisfie their thirſt* See e Joh. 7. 38.

Joh. 6. 50.

II *Naked.*

But yet my filthy nakednes wil appeare, who ſhall cover that?

e Iſa. 64. 6 Gen. 3. 7. Re. 3. 17, 18.

None but Christ, [f] whose white raiment shall not only [g] cover the shame of thy nakedness, that the [h] pure eyes of God shall not [i] behold it, *Isa.* 61. 10. but therein also (he having granted thee to be arrayed therewith) will present thee therein glorious to himself without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, *Eph.* 5. 27.

[f] Rev. 3. 17.

[g] Rom. 4. 6, 7.

[h] Hab. 1. 13.

[i] Num. 23 21.

Rev. 19. 8. Jude 24.

Col. 1. 22.

11 *Curse.*

Me thinks I [k] *tremble and quake for fear, in my self, when I heare that terrible thunderbolt of the Law, Cursed is* [l] *every man that continueth not* [m] *in all things which are written in the Book of the Law, to doe them. Who shall free me from it?*

[k] Hab. 3. 16.

[l] Gal. 3. 10

[m] Deu. 27. 26. & 29. 21.

[n] None but Christ, who hath

[n] Isa. 53. 4, 5, 6. Gal. 3. 13.

hath not onely redeemed thee from the curſe of the Law, being made a curſe for thee, but hath brought thee alſo within compaſſe of that promiſed true[o] bleſſednesse made to faithfull *Abraham*, Gal. 3. 9, 14. [o] Eph. 1. 3.

13 *Terrour.*

Now whilſt I remaine thus held (as it were at Gods ſuit) under this terrible areſt, Curſed is every one, &c. *Me thinks I ſee how all the Creatures in Heaven and Earth,* Gen. 7. 11. *ſtand ready armed at his only beck to revenge the quarrell of his Covenant upon me: Who is there in Heaven or Earth, that can ſet them againe at one with me?* Levit. 26. 25. Pſal. 76. 7

None but Chriſt, who having by his owne blood reconciled Col. 1. 20. Rom. 3. 25

conciled *God* himſelfe (who is the Lord of hoſts, & ſo of all Creatures) unto thee, he hath much more reconcil'd every creature in Heaven & earth unto thee.

Iſa. 11. 6. Hoſ. 2 18, 19, 20.

14 *Loſſe.*

Pro. 16. 26.

Moreover, whilſt in this caſe a daily, & (in a manner) hourly neceſſity lyes upon me to uſe the benefit of food, raiment, recreation, ſleep, &c. yea of breathing in the very ayr, I am often thus ſecretly checked in conſcience for the ſame, as if the Lord ſhould on this wiſe ſpeak unto me; friend, who gave you leave and liberty to uſe theſe my benefits, or by what right or title do you enjoy them, ſeeing you have by your diſobedience forfeited backe againe to me the true and lawfull

Iſa. 5. 11,

ſul uſe I once gave you of them? In whom now, or by whom may I recover the free, and ſo a comfortable uſe of them again?

Deut. 28. from 15. to 20. Gen. 1. 29 30.

By none, but in, and by Chriſt, who being come a ſecond *Adam*, and the very true and lawfull heire of all things, hath by the merit of his ſufferings and obedience recovered unto thee (being once a member of his myſticall body) a juſt right and title as to God himſelfe, who is the Lord of all creatures, ſo a lawfull and ſanctified uſe of the Creatures themſelves: Read Hoſea 2. from verſe 18. to 23.

1 Cor. 15. 47. Hab. 1. 2. & 2. 8. Rom. 5. 15. Rom. 8. 16 17. Joh. 20. 17 1 Cor. 3. 22. 1 Tim. 4. 4 Tit. 1. 15.

15 *Wrath to come.*

But it much aſtoniſheth me when I read what p *fearfull attributes are given to God;*

p Pſal. 30. 27, 28.

Heb.12.29. Isa. 33.14 *as that he is caled a consuming fire, everlasting burnings, and that when fire is kindled in his wrath, it shall burn to the bottome of hell,* Deut.32.22.

Psal. 2.12 *Alas, if his wrath be kindled but a little,*

7 Ps.76.7. *who shall fence me from it?*

r Heb. 5.7 Mat.16.38 1 Thes. 1. 10. Rom.5.9. [r] None but Christ, who by bearing the wrath of God upon his righteous soule, saveth and delivereth thee from the *wrath* to come.

16 *Deaths sting.*

s 1 Cor.15 56. *Yet death hath a* [s] *deadly sting wherewith to stab me to the heart, which is sinne, who shall free me from deaths* [t] *deadly blow?* Rom.6.23.

t Rev.20. 14. & 21. 8. &c. u 1 Cor.15 57. [u] None but Christ, in whom thou hast not onely conqueſt over sin and death, he having *through death* [x] *de-*

x Heb.2. 14. *stroyed*

stroyed him that had the power of death, which is the devill; but hath now brought *immortality and life* (for thee) *to light by the Gospell.* 2 Tim. 1. 10.

17 *Unbeliefe.*

Besides all this, my conscience convinceth me of sinne, in that I beleeve not in Christ: Oh for one graine of that precious faith! that faith of Gods elect; who shall work it in me? Joh. 16. 8. Luk. 17. 6 Tit. 1. 1.

None but Christ, who is therefore said to be both the Author and finisher of our faith. As also it is he by whom we beleeve in God, who raised him from the dead. Heb. 12. 2. 1 Pet. 1. 21

18 *Impenitency,*

But I have an heart (the Lord knowes) which cannot repent. Who shall give me that repen- Rom. 2. 5. 2 Cor. 7. 11

tance unto salvation, never to be repented of?

None but Christ, for to this end hath God exalted him a Prince, a Saviour, to give repentance to *Israel*, & forgiveneſſe of ſinnes. See 2 Tim. 2. 25.

Act. 5. 31.

19 *Hardneſſe of heart*

Oh but I have an heart as hard as the Adamant ſtone; who can ſoften it?

Zach. 7. 12.

None but Christ, in whom this faithfull promiſe ſhall ever be Yea, and Amen, namely, that God will take away thy ſtony heart out of thy fleſh, and inſtead thereof will give thee an heart of fleſh. Soak thy heart thorowly in this free and precious promiſe, and expect the fruit with patience.

Ezek. 11. 19. & cap. 36. 26.

20 *In-*

20 *Infirmity.*

Much corruption will cleave till even to my best actions: In whom may I find the remedy of his?

Rom. 7. 21.

* In none but in Christ, who not onely reconciles the iniquity even of thy holy offerings, but hath (for thee) brought in also a everlasting righteousnesse, Dan. 9. 24. See 1 Cor. 1. 30. 2 Cor. 5. 21.

* 1 Tim. 2. 5. 1 Joh 2. 2. Ex. 18 28 Levit. 16. 33.

a *To make both thy person and Actions for ever acceptable before God.*

21 *Doubtings.*

But b *new fears and doubtings through divers temptations, arising through* c *Satans malice, shall never be wanting* d *daily to vex and* e *disquiet me: Alas who shall support me under so manifold and different trials!*

b Psal. 88. 15. Jam. 1 2.
c Job 2. 3.
d Job 7. 14, 15.
e Ps. 42. 5. 11.

None but Christ, who in

Heb. 2 18 ch. 4. 15, 16. 1 Cor. 10. Ps. 34. 19.

r at he ſuffered and was tempted, not onely is able ſufficiently to ſuccour thee in all thy temptations, but in the end alſo to free thee out of them all, 2 *Pet.* 2. 9.

22 *Acceſſe.*

Jam. 3. 1. Lam. 3. 8.

Oftentimes when I pray, it ſeems that God ſhuts his Mercy-gate both againſt me and my prayers; who ſhall give me acceſſe to the throne of Grace?

1 Joh. 2. 2. 1 Tim. 1. 5

None but Chriſt, thy *onely Mediator*, who by the veile of his fleſh, having made thee a new and living way into the holy place, ſits at the right hand of God the Father, making requeſt for thee; ſo as inſtead of fearing to have free acceſſe, thou mayeſt with reverence be bold to goe to the Throne

Heb. 10 : 19. 20. Rom. 8. 34

Heb. 4. 16.

of

of grace, with confidence to have all thy lawfull ſuits granted, for thy Mediators ſake, *Joh.* 14.13.

He.10.17
1Joh.5.14

23 *Conſcience.*

But for all this, I yet feel ſecret griping of conſcience continually affrighting me with a world of accuſing thoughts: who now ſhall be as able, ſo willing, to appeaſe and quiet them?

Rom.2.15

None but Chriſt, who being ſtiled *the Prince of Peace*, and therefore our Peace-maker in Heaven and in Earth; became firſt in his owne perſon a Preacher & publiſher of Peace both to them that were a farre off, and to them that were neere: Yea, and as if that had been too little, did at the laſt by the blood

Iſa.9.6.

Luk.19.38.&2.14.

Act.10.36
Eph.2.13
14.

Col. 1. 20. blood of his Crosse pur-
chase for thee that peace of
conscience which passeth
Act. 20. 28. all understanding, of which
that none might deprive or
Joh. 14. 27. & 16. 33. strip thee of. Look in his
last Will and Testament,
where thou hast this Legacy
by himselfe bequeathed thee
to have and to hold as thine
own for ever. Therefore now
comfort thy selfe with these
words.

☞ Here the afflicted began a
little to pause: And having
received much refreshing &
good satisfaction from those
severall answers *a good con-*
1 Pet. 3. 21. *science* hitherto framed to
his several demands & doub-
tings; ceased from further
objectings, & began thus to
be a little cheared & revived.

well, then I find and feel, to my no little joy and contentment, that there is None indeed but Christ (in Heaven or earth) *according as thou (o good conscience) hast still affirmed, that can fully set me (a poore captive) free from my fearfull downfall and misery.* Pſ.73.25. 1 Pet.3.21. 1 Tim.1. 15. Luk.4.18.

And then, after some further pantings and breathings (faith having put, as it were a new life into him) he brake forth into this passion, of admiration and thankfulnesse. 2 Cor.4. 12.

And is it true indeed, O thou lover of men! O thou preserver of men! that thou hast set thine eyes and thy heart upon such an one? Pro.8.31. Job 7.20. v. 14.3. v. 7.17.

Was thy love to me so ardent, & thy compassion so exceeding abun- Joh. 17.5. Pro.8.22.

Isa.64.1. abundant, that from thy seat of Majesty & glory, thou wouldest for my sake, bow the Heavens, yea, (after a sort) even
Gal. 4. 4. thence break thorow (the fulnesse of time being come) in
Luk.1.78 thine owne person to visit me, and to expose thine holy self to
Isa.50.6. Luk. 22. 44. shame, and spitting, to sweating, bleeding, and last of all to
Joh.19 34. dying, that thou mightest preserve such an one as I, from everlastingly perishing? Ioh. 3. 14, 15. Lord, that I knew what
Ps.116.12. (by way of thankfulnesse) now to render thee!

Thou far excellest above all
Neh. 9.5. Ps.106.2. the praise that a poor creature on earth can give thee. And yet, for as much as thou hast said, that who so offereth thee
Ps.50.23. praise, glorifieth thee:

O let my poore soule, (which from

from deadly thrall thou haſt redeemed) magnifie thee. Luk.1.46, 47. Pſ.103.5.

Let my ſpirit alſo (which by the ſavour of thy good oyntments thou haſt ſo cheered and revived) rejoyce, and alwayes make her ſongs of thee. Let my tongue, mouth and uncircumciſed lips confeſſe thee. Cant.1.3. Iſa.61.10. Iſa.45.23

Sweetly (O Lord Jeſus) haſt thou with the kiſes of thy mouth kiſſed me; therefore ſhall my knees ever be bowed unto thee. Cant.3.1. Phil. 2.9, 10.

Yea, I have ſworn, & will alſo performe it, that my ſelf, ſoule, body, life, liberty, &c. and all ſhall (thy grace aſſiſting) be vowed and conſecrated to thy honour and glory, 1 Cor. 1.30 31. For thou Lord art holy, & inhabiteſt the eternity; & yet dwelleſt with the contrite and humble ſpirit, & with ſuch an Pſal. 119. 106. Tit. 2.14. Rom. 12.1 2 Cor. 7.1. Iſa. 57.15

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one as tremble th at thy Word. So as in me (sweet Lord) is now ful, lled the saying that is written, the sacrifices of a con-
Ps. 51. 17. trite spirit & a broken heart thou neither hast nor never
Cant. 1. 3. wilt despise. Wel may I now say, that thy Name to me (a deso-late wretch) hath been as an oyntment poured out; & ther-
2 Sam. 7. 27. fore hath thy servant out of the abundance of his heart, after this sort, expressed and poured
Luk. 7. 47 forth the love and thankful-nesse of his soul unto thee.

2 Cor. 1. 3 To thee therefore O Fa-ther of mercies, and God of all comfort and consolation
Joh. 3. 16. Gal. 4. 4. who hast so loved me un-worthy as our of thine owne bosome to send thy onely begotten Son for me and all mankind lost, into the world

made

made of a woman, that thus he might beeome our true & very *Immanuel*, Mat. 1. 23

And to thee O Lord Jesus Christ, who voluntarily laidest downe thy life for me to preserve me from eternall death. Joh. 10. 8.

And to thee also O holy Spirit, by whose divine light my blind eyes have been illuminated to see as by the Law, my wofull misery; so comfortably by the Gospell, to behold this superexcellent and surpassing love and mercy of the Father and the Son; and thereto hast wrought that wonderfull grace of faith in my heart, to beleeve that all this love is and hath been extended to me as well as to any

Eph. 1. 17 18. Rom. 3. 23. 1 Joh. 3. 1. Eph. 2. 4. & 3. 19.

Col. 2. 12.

Ro. 10. 17

Gal. 2. 10.

Rom. 5. 5. Eph. 1. 13 any other; yea, that it hath beene by thee, O blessed Spirit, shed abroad abundantly in my heart by the holy Ghost, and hast so sealed me up to the day of redemption, that I shall not so uncomfortably, as formerly I have done, call into question the certainty and assurance of my free adoption.

Eph. 4. 30

Gal. 4. 6.

Mat. 28. 19. 1 Joh. 5. 7. To Father, Sonne, and holy Ghost (I say) one divine essence, three distinct Persons, be ascribed in Heaven and Earth, by Angels and men as is most due, all wisedome, power, praise, and glory eternally, *Amen* and *Amen*.

THE

THE SECOND PART:

Containing a Paſſionate Prayer to CHRIST.

With his gracious anſwer thereto.

ISA. 65. 24.
Before they call, I will anſwer.

O CHRIST, who art my Lord, and my God: thou who art the promiſed ſeed, *Gen.* 3. 15. in whom all the

Joh. 20. 18

Gen. 21. 18

the Nations of the earth ſhould be bleſſed: Thou, whoſe goings forth have bin of old from everlaſting.

Mich. 5. 2. Thou, who art call'd the

Jer. 23. 6. Lord our righteouſneſſe & the Son of righteouſneſſe. *Mal.* 4. 2. and art worthily

Iſa. 9. 6. ſtiled, Wonderfull, Counſellour, The mighty God, the everlaſting Father, the

Mat. 3. 17. Prince of Peace. Thou in whom the Father is well

Iſa. 42. 1. pleaſed, and in whom his

1 Tim. 6. 15. ſoule delighteth: Thou, who art the bleſſed, and onely Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords; Thou who art the Prince of

1 Cor. 2. 8. life, Acts 3. 15. and Lord of Glory; who art ſaved thy ſelfe, *Zach.* 9. 9. and art mighty to ſave, *Iſa.* 63. 1. O

thou

thou who art white and ruddy, the faireſt among ten thouſand: Who art that *Immanuel*, even God with us, *Iſa.* 7. 14. who art given to me, wert born for me; who haſt loved me, and gived thy ſelfe for me. Oh when wilt thou draw me, that I may run after thee? When ſhall I ſee thee? Oh when wilt thou come unto me, abide and ſhew thine owne ſelfe unto me? When, O good Chriſt, wilt thou give me an heart to know thee? O that thou wouldſt once circumciſe mine heart to love thee, that in love it might ever, and in all things be praiſing of thee! VVhen ſhall I feele thee, to be all in all unto me? My Husband,

Cant. 5. 10.

Iſa. 9. 6. Gal. 2. 20.

Cant. 1. 4. Iſa. 64. 1. Joh. 14. 23.

Ver. 21.

Jer. 24. 17

Deu. 30. 6

1 Theſ. 5. 13.

Col. 3. 11.

Hos. 2. 19. my Head, *Eph.* 5. 23. my Surety, *Heb.* 7. 22. my Saviour, *Luke* 1. 47. my light, *Joh.* 8. 12. and my life *Col.* 3. 4. Shall I never have an heart to beleeve in thee and as to love, so to look
Ro. 10. 10 and long for thy blessed ap-
2 Tim. 4. 8 pearing? 2 *Pet.* 3. 12. In thee, Lord, are hid all the
Col. 2. 3. treasures of wisedome, and knowledge. When shall I feele thee to be to me, as thou art to all thine, my wisedome, righteousnesse
1 Cor. 1. 30. sanctification and redemp-
Col. 1. 19. tion? It pleased the Father that in thee, my Lord and my God, should all fulnesse dwell: Oh, when wilt thou then, fill me with all joy and
Ro. 15. 13 peace in beleeving? Thou rellest me, Lord, that all

powe

power is given thee in Heaven and in Earth. Oh that thou then wouldeſt give me ſuch a powerfull faith, as by deriving and drawing vertue from thee, might be of power to purifie my heart, to work by love, and to overcome the world, 1 *Joh.* 5. 4. When ſhall I feele thee, my Lord and my God, dwelling in my heart by faith? Then ſhould I hate the evill, and love the good: Then ſhould I feare thee for thy goodneſſe, and ſing aloud of thy righteouſneſſe: Then ſhould I not ſuffer ſin ſo to reigne in my mortall body, that at any time I ſhould obey it in the luſts thereof: Then ſhould I lament, that I can lament no more

Mat. 20. 1
2 Theſ. 1. 11.
Act. 15. 9.
Gal. 5. 6.
Eph. 3. 17
Am. 5. 15.
Hoſ. 3. 5.
Pſ. 145. 7.
Rom. 6. 12
Jer. 31. 18

Heb. 3. 12
Isa. 26. 12
Rom. 8. 26.
2 Tim. 1. 1. 7.
Ro. 8. 15.
Gal. 4. 6.
Eph. 4. 10
1 Thes. 1. 10.
Heb. 9. 14

more the self-love, diffidence, and impenitency of my self-loving, unbeleeving and impenitent heart, *Rom.* 2. 5. Thou Lord hast done, and yet dost all my works in me and for me. Give me then the spirit of prayer, of power, of love, and of a sound mind: Even the spirit of Adoption by which I may cry father, and so be sealed up unto the day of Redemption. Thy pure and precious blood, O blessed Lord Jesus, once shed, hath a justifying, *Rom.* 5. 9. 2 purifying, *Heb.* 9. 14. & sanctifying vertue, *Heb.* 12. 12. By the merit thereof then, sweet Lord, do thou save me from the wrath to come; Through it purge my con-

science

science defiled, from dead works to serve thee the living and true God: And through it, so consecrate and set me apart as a vessell unto honour sanctified, that it may be meet for thee my Lord and Masters use, as also ready and prepared to every good worke. Give me to be wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evill. In malice give me to be child-like; but in understanding to be of a ripe Age. And now, my Lord and my God, who is like unto thee, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sinne? *Exod.* 34. 7. And therefore my soule panteth after thee, my soule thirsteth for thee, and my flesh

1 Tim. 2. 21.

Tit. 3. 4.

Ro. 16. 19

1 Cor. 14. 20.

Mic. 2. 18.

Psal. 42. 2 and 63. 1.

longeth for thee in a drie and thirsty land, where no
Ps 101.2. water is. Oh when, when
wilt thou come unto me?
Ps 73.25. I have none in Heaven but
thee, and there is none up-
on Earth that I desire be-
Psal.13.1 sides thee. Wilt thou, O
Lord, forget me for ever?
Psal.77.7 and wilt thou hence-forth
shew me no more favour?
Ps.89.47. Oh remember how short
my time is. Thou wilt at
Psal.7.20 length, I know, returne and
revive me; thou wilt come
Ps.138.7. againe, and bring me from
the depth of the Earth. O
Lamb of God, *Joh.* 1.29.
Sonne of God, *Joh.* 3.18.
O my Mercy-Seat, *Exod.*
25.17. my Mediatour,
1 *Tim.* 2.5. and Advocate,
1 *Joh.* 2.1. When shall I
with

with the reſidue of thy lovers, poſſeſſe and enjoy thee? How long, Lord, ſhall it be, before with thine elected and betrothed Spouſe I ſhall be able to ſay, that thou my Beloved art mine, and I thine? Then, then ſhouldeſt thou as a bundle of ſweet-ſmelling Myrrh, lye even all the night long betweene my breſts, and dwell betweene my ſhoulders, *Deut.* 32. 12. Thou cameſt into the World, Lord, to ſave ſinners: And wilt not thou ſave me? Thou waſt made manifeſt, that thou mighteſt take away ſinnes: And wilt not thou, O Lambe of God, take away mine? Thou wert manifeſt to that end,

1 Pet. 2. 5. Hoſ. 2. 19.

Cant 6. 3.

Cant. 1. 13

1 Tim. 1. 15.

1 Joh. 3. 5.

1 Joh. 3. 8.

that thou mightest destroy the workes of the Devill: And wilt not thou, Lord, now destroy all his works in me? Thou didst in the dayes of thy flesh once suffer for sinnes, that thou mightest bring mankind lost unto God: And wilt not thou, my deare Christ, bring me now to thy heavenly Father washed, *Rev.* 1. 5. justified, *Rom.* 5. 1. reconciled, 1 *Joh.* 4. 10. sanctified, 1 *Cor.* 6. 11. and eternally saved? *Heb.* 7. 25. Yes Lord, I beleeve it. But Lord help thou mine unbeliefe. I reade in the Evangelists, how often thy compassions were moved, over the miseries of men and women. Are they not the

Heb. 5. 9. 1 Pet. 3. 18

Mar. 9. 24 Mat. 9. 30. 14. 14. and 15. 32. Mar. 1. 41 and 5. 19. Luk. 7. 13

the ſame now, they were then? Hadſt thou compaſſions for them, and haſt thou none for me? Was thy ſoule troubled for them, and not likewiſe for me? Was thy ſoule exceeding ſorrowfull unto death for them, and was it not ſo for me? Didſt thou faſt, ſweat, weep, cry and pray? and were not all theſe thy paſſions for me? Oh, thou that art holy, harmleſſe, undefiled, ſeparate from ſinners, and made higher then the Heavens; who art able to ſave to the uttermoſt, all them that come unto God by thee: How long, Oh how long ſhall it be, ere I feele and find in my ſelfe the vertue and efficacy

Joh. 12 27

Mat. 14. 33. 34.

Mat. 4. 2. Luk. 22. 44. Heb. 5. 7.

Heb. 7. 25 27.

cacy (from the Throne of Grace) of thine intercession for me! Which though for the preſent, I beleeve not as I ſhould, yet Lord give me to beleeve it when thou wilt. Who ever truſted in thee, and was aſhamed? who ever hoped in thee, and was confounded!

Heb. 4. 14 15, 16.

Pſal. 22. 5

No, no, thou inhabiteſt the prayſes of Iſrael. It is thou, Lord, that heareſt prayer, unto thee therefore ſhall all fleſh come. Didſt not thou, my Lord and my God, towards thy paſſion teſtifie, that if thou wert lifted up from the earth, thou wouldſt draw all men unto thee! Oh cauſe the coards and bands of this thy

Pſal. 22. 3
Pſal. 65. 2

Joh. 12. 32

Hoſ. 11. 4.

thy infinite and ſurpaſſing love in dying for me, effectually to draw my whole ſoule aud affections unto thee. Oh when ſhall I be with thee where thou art? that I may ſee that thy glory! In the meane while, O my deare heavenly Huſband, ſtay me with flagons, comfort me with Apples, for I am ſicke of love. Let thy left hand be under my head, and let thy right hand imbrace mee: Kiſſe thou me, O my Chriſt, with the kiſſes of thy mouth, for thy loves are better than Wine.

Joh. 17. 24

Cant. 1. 5. 6.

Cant. 1. 2.

1.

CHRIST *his gracious Answer.*

I Love them that love me; and those that seek me early, shall find: Who so findeth me, findeth life, and shall obtaine favour of the Lord. Be of good cheare then, thou fainting soule, for I have heard thee, and observed thee. And though I be the high and loftie one, that inhabiteth the Eternity, whose name is Holy, dwelling in the high and holy place, yet doe I also dwell with them that are of a contrite

Pro. 8. 17.

Verse 35.

Hos. 14. 8.

Isa. 57. 15

contrite and humble ſpirit, to revive the ſpirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. I will be gracious unto thee at the voyce of thy cry. I have heard thee, and will anſwer thee. Becauſe thou haſt ſet thy love upon me, therefore I will deliver thee; I will ſet thee on high, becauſe thou haſt knowne my Name. Yea, he that loveth me, ſhall be alſo loved of my Father; and I, according to thy requeſt, will manifeſt mine owne ſelfe unto thee. Very meet it is that all men ſhould honour the Sonne, even as they honour the Father; for he that honoureth not

Iſa. 36. 19

Pſ. 91. 14.

Joh. 15. 12

the Sonne, honoureth not the Father which ſent him, *John* 5. 23. And though to thy ſeeming, thou art now and then neglected of mee; yet can I not forget thee o-ver-long, it is but for a moment; for, for a ſmall moment have I forſaken thee, but with everlaſting compaſſions will I have mercy upon thee, ſaith the Lord thy Redeemer. I will be both Sunne and ſhield unto thee, I will give grace and glory; nor ſhall any good thing at any time bee wanting at all unto thee: Onely hope to the end, for that grace which is brought unto thee. Humble thy ſelfe

Iſa. 49.14

Iſa. 54.7.

Pſ. 84.11.

1 Pet. 1. 13.

selfe dayly to walke in all the exercises of Piety and true Charity. Take up the Crosse cheerefully which I shall (it may be) dayly lay upon thee. And when thou art ready to sinke, come unto mee: For I will assure thee, on my faithfull Word, they shall not for ever bee ashamed who have the grace to waite for mee. Cast not away then thy confidence which hath promise of great reward. Poore Soule, wherefore diddest thou doubt? But I see thou hast need of patience, that after thou hast endeavoured to doe my will here on earth, thou mightest receive

Mich.6.8.
Luk.9.23
Mat.14.30.
Isa.49.23.
Heb.10.35.
Mat.14.31
Heb.10 36.

ceive the promiſe. By patience therefore poſſeſſe thy ſoule. I will ſtand by thee, I will neither leave thee,
Zach. 2. 8. nor forſake thee, *Heb.* 13. 5. Thou art as deare unto me, as the Apple of mine
Iſa 51. 16 Eye. Thou ſhalt be covered in the ſhadow of mine hand. Mine Angels ſhall attend thee, *Pſal.* 91. 11.
2 Cor. 12. 9. my grace ſhall be ſufficient for thee, my preſence
Ex. 33. 14 ſhall goe with thee, neither ſhall my Spirit nor Word depart away from thee, *Iſa.* 59. 21. When thou art tempted, I will ſuccour thee, *Heb.* 2. 18.
Iſa. 40. 29 when thou fainteſt, I will ſuſtaine thee. If thou offend againſt my heavenly
1 Joh. 1. 1. Rom. 8. 34 Father, the merit of my ſatis-

satisfaction, and intercession, shall evermore plead thy Cause at the Throne of Grace for thee. I am returned unto thee, *Zach.* 8. 3. I will no more be terrible unto thee; for so the Spirit should faile before me, and the Soule which I have made. Wherefore comfort thy selfe with these Words: Goe eate thy Bread with joy, and drinke thy Wine with a merry heart, for God now accepteth thy works. Nor shall it be long ere thou (with the residue of those who love and long for my appearing) enter into thy Masters Joy, where is fulnesse of joy, and Life for evermore.

Jer. 17. 17
Isa. 57. 19
1 Thes. 4. 19.
Eccl. 9. 7.
2 Tim. 4. 8
2 Pet. 3. 12
Mat. 25. 21.

more. So saith *AMEN*, the faithfull and true Witnesse, *Amen* and *Amen*.

Rev. 3. 14.

FINIS.

CHRIST'S Titles Alphabetically described.

A.

WE have an *Advocate* with the Father. The cause why *God* imputed not sin unto us, is, in regard that Christ continually intercedes for us. 1 Joh. 2. 2.

B.

The beginning of the *Creation* of God. Rev. 3. 14.

That

That is, of those Creatures especially, which God hath fashioned unto good works; *Eph.* 2. 10.

C.

Josh. 5. 17. The *Captain* of the Lords Host.

So called, because he now presented his ayd to *Joshua*, to put an happy end to the Wars he had taken in hand.

D.

Hos. 3. 5. And seeke the Lord their GOD, and *David* their King.

Meaning Christ, made of the seed of *David*, according to the flesh; by whom we have redemption, through his blood, *Eph.* 1. 7.

E.

This is the true God, and *eternall life.* 1 Joh 5. 26.

That is, the meanes by whom we obtaine eternall life.

F.

Jesus Christ, who is the *Faithfull witnesse.* Rev. 1. 5.

Signifying, that he is a Prophet, to teach the truth to his people.

G.

God with us. Mat. 1. 23

So called, in regard that now through him, God is united unto us: So that this is the true and proper Title of the Sonne of God, manifest in the flesh.

H.

1 Tim. 1. 1 Jesus Christ, which is *our Hope.*

He cals Christ our *hope*, because then we begin to have good hope of salvation, when we looke upon him by the **eye of Faith.**

I.

Col. 1. 15. Who is the *Image of the invisible God.*

That is he by whom God is manifested unto us.

K.

Rev. 19. 16. And on his thigh a Name written, *King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.*

As if he should say, that under his Power and Authoritie, every knee even of

f Kings and Lords must owe, confessing, that their Kingdome and Dominion s nothing in comparison o his.

L.

The *Lambe slaine from the foundation of the World.* Rev. 13. 8.

To shew unto us that he, nd none but he, was from he beginning ordained of God, to be the Sacrifice for our sinnes.

M.

There is one God, and one *Mediator* between God and man, &c. 1 Tim. 2. 5

Mankind since the fall, being alienated or estranged from God, could neither obtaine Union nor Communion with GOD, with-

without this one Mediator.

N.

Rev. 19. 12 He had a *Name* written, that no man knew but himselfe.

Namely, because no man can perfectly comprehend the mystery of the eternall generation or incarnation of the Sonne of God.

Phil. 2. 9. God hath given him a *Name*, which is above every Name.

Name is here taken for such a Name and Dignity, as is proper to GOD himselfe.

O.

Joh. 1. 18. The *Onely begotten Sonne*, who is in the Bosome of the Father, he hath declared him.

The

The meaning is, that to attaine to the true knowledge of God, we muſt come to Chriſt, who is his lively and expreſſe Image. See *Heb.* 1. 3.

P.

And killed the *Prince of Life.* Act. 3. 15.

That is, who being the Fountain of Life, gives life unto others.

Q.

The laſt *Adam* was made *quickning ſpirit.* 1 Cor. 15. 45.

Chriſt is called a Spirit, in regard of his divine nature, which dwels in him bodily, and ſo hath in him the cauſe of life, whereby he

he quickens both soule and body.

R.

Jesus said unto her; *I am the Resurrection and the Life, &c.*

Joh.11.24

Heere are two things joyned together; *Resurrection*, and *Life*. In the first of which wordes Christ teacheth that hee is the beginning of life: In the second, hee sheweth the perpetuitie of this life, and also the worke of his *free* grace.

S.

To you that fear my Name shall the *Son of righteousnesse* arise, &c.

Mal.4.1.

Christ hath this Title fitly ascribed unto him becaus

because it is hee, by whom the Elect are delivered out of that helliſh darkneſſe, wherein they are naturally plunged.

T.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Joh. 14.6.

As if hee ſhonld have ſaid; In mee it is, in whom you muſt ſeeke whatſoever appertaines to the right knowledge of GOD and ſalvation.

W.

His Name is called, *The Word of God.*

Which words the World ſhall at length know to their coſt, to be moſt true, when hee ſhall haye performed all thoſe Rev. 19.13

those things which are delivered in the Scriptures; mock the adversaries thereof never so much, either at the promises or threatnings therein contained.

FINIS.

A NECESSARY Advertiſement to the *Reader*.

AS it is an infallible truth that neither a mans perſon, nor actions, can pleaſe *God*, till himſelfe be in Chriſt, ſo it is as true that a man hath neither ability of himſelfe to doe good, or abſtaine from evill aright, unleſſe he be aſſiſted by the power of *Chriſt*: And this appeareth, both by the teſtimony of Chriſt himſelfe, *Joh.*15.5. For *without me*

Gen. 4.4.
Rom.8.28
Heb.11.4.
Joh.15.6.
1 Cor.3.5.

Joh.15.5. *me yee can doe nothing*; (as alſo by the teſtimony of *Paul*, who ſaith, *that by the power of Chriſt, he was able to doe all things*, Phil. 4. 13. Implying (according to Rom.7.23 that place of *John*) that without Chriſts power he could doe nothing.

Doth the power and ſtrength of corruption Rom. 7. 24, 25. then any way annoy thee, and wouldeſt thou faine get the maſtery over the ſame? fly then forthwith out of thy ſelfe, and get thee directly unto Christ, and ſay thus Col.3.5. unto him; Lord, thou biddeſt me mortifie all inordinate luſts and affections, as 2 Cor.7.1 wrath, uncleanneſſe, covetouſneſſe, &c. But thou knowſt there is no ſtrength in

in me to mortifie theſe, nor any corruption of nature beſides, further forth than I have aſſiſtance from thee: Apply therefore to this viciouſneſſe of my ſinfull nature the vertue of thy precious death and buriall, by the worke of thy holy Spirit, which alone is able to kill ſinne in me, that ſinne and corruption (of what nature ſoever) may not as heretofore rule nor raigne over me, but that waging battaile ſtill by the ſtrength there-againſt, I may yet therein have peace, and expect the full victory, in the time thou haſt appointed.

Phil. 4.13 and 2.13.

Rom. 6.6.

Rom. 8.13

Rom. 6. 12.

1 Joh. 5.4, 5.

Alſo, wouldeſt thou heare, reade, meditate, or pray profitable; thinke how in-

2 Cor. 3. 5

[a] *whose power, in this case, must be perfected in thy weakneſſe, or it will not be.*
1 Cor. 12. 9.
Iſa. 55. 3.
Rev. 1. 5.
1 Theſ. 5. 17.
Joh. 15. 5.

Ro. 6. 5, 6.
Col. 2. 12.

ſufficient thou art, as of thy ſelfe, to performe theſe holy exerciſes, or any the like, without [a] Chriſt, but haſten immediatly to him, and ſay it is meet (Lord) that I doe theſe duties at thy command, for in mercy thou haſt appointed them for my good: But without thee thou knoweſt I can doe nothing: Oh let me therefore feele power and vertue (by the worke of thy Spirit) as from thy death to mortifie and kill all ſinne in me, ſo from thy Reſurrection, both to quicken and enable me aright to performe all ſuch duties as thou requireſt of me, that the power of effecting all good, may alwayes bee of thee, and

nor from me, 2 *Cor.*4.7.

And yet even in this regard thou requireſt of me as in other things, that as a poore fraile veſſell I ſhould put forth all the powers of body and ſoule, wherewith thou haſt endowed me; the better hereby to ſerve thy divine providence. Eccl.9.10 1 Cor.7.1 2 Pet.1 2. 10. Mat.25. 14. to 30

Now (good Reader) if thou approveſt of this advertiſement in thy judgement, I pray thee give thy diligence to bring it by degrees but unto a daily practiſe (for thou ſhalt have need of it daily) and by good experience, thou ſhalt in the end find, I hope, that the gaine will countervaile the paine. 1 Cor. 15

Hereunto is added three steps to found *Conversion.*

1.

Act.26. 17, 18.

First, God by his Word and Spirit, enlighteneth the understanding of a sinner truly to conceive the Doctrine of mans misery, and of his full recovery by Christ.

2.

Act.2.37.

Secondly, by the same meanes hee workes in his heart both such sound sorrow for his misery, and fervent desire after Christ the remedy

remedy, that he can never be at quiet, till he enjoy Christ.

3.

Thirdly, God so manifesteth his love in freely offering Christ with his benefits, unto him a poore sinner lost, that thereby he drawes him in such wise to give credit unto God herein, that he gladly accepts of Christ offered unto him. Joh. 3. 16.

These three workes of God, whosoever findes to have beene truly wrought in himselfe; may thereby know certainly, that hee hath true faith, and therefore sound conversion. 1 Joh. 5. 10 Act. 25. 9.

Now having obtained this mercy at the hands of Almighty GOD for the Col. 1. 12. Eph. 1. 5. Luk. 1. 7. 4

merit of Christ; he ought in thankefulneſſe to him therefore endeavour daily ever after, in his whole converſation to expreſſe and ſhew forth the vertues of him that hath thus called him out of darkneſſe into his marvei-lous light.

Tit. 2. 11, 12.

1 Pet. 2 9.

CHRI-

CHRISTIAN Counsels.

LEt thy walke be with God. Gen. 5. 24

And thy talk of his wonders. Ps. 119. 27 25. 15.

Let thine eyes be even towards him. Lam. 3. 51

And thy heart with thy hand lifted up unto him.

Make him thy delight. Ps. 37. 4.

Let it be thy meat and drink to doe his will. Joh. 4. 34.

Shun thou the way that leads from him. Deut. 13. 5

Let thy goings be even, in the way that directs to him. Ps. 66. 11.

Make a cleare Conscience Act 24. 16 2 Cor. 1. 7

Gen 39.9 Num.12.3 *thy Musicke: godly sorrow thy Physick.*

Make Joseph *a patterne to thee for chastity. And* Moses *for meeknesse and humility.*

Ps.148.4. 49.50. Jam.5.11. *Let the Booke of Psalmes teach thee praise, and that of* Jobs *patience.*

Luk.1.41 Gal.6.14. *Let Jesus be thy joy.*

His Crosse thy comfort.

Wouldst thou live a merry life?

Rom.1.17 *Live the life of faith.*

Wouldst thou dye a sweet death?

Isa.57.1,2 *Learne to dye the Death of the Righteous.*

Let the poore sinfull Woman teach thee true penitence.

Gen.22.8 *And the Patriarch* Abraham *dependance upon Gods providence.*

Adde

Adde to thy Faith Prayer, and to Prayer repentance. Mar. 9

And manifeſt the truth of thy Repentance, by walking in new obedience. Ezek. 12. 16. Act. 26. 20.

FINIS.

THE SICKE MANS *A. B. C.*

In Queſtions and Anſwers.

Written purpoſely for ſuch as long after a ſanctified uſe of Gods Fatherly Corrections.

With a ſhort Admonition touching the Heart.

Pſal. 94. 12.
Bleſſed is the man whom thou chaſtiſeſt, O Lord, and teacheſt him in thy Law.

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To his Deare

NEECE,

Mistresse GRACE

GOOD-MAN,

Grace and

Peace.

Deare Neece,

IT hath pleased God of late to deprive both you and me of very neere and deare friends by death, in

in whoſe departure hence we may evidently ſee the image of our owne mortalitie as in a Glaſſe, for which cauſe I am now the rather mooved before I goe hence and ſhall be no more ſeene, to leave with you this (it may be) my laſt legacie and pledge of my deare love unto you. If you give it the reading and obſerve well what you read, I hope it will not bee without ſome anſwerable fruit: If you reape but that benefit by it, which my ſelfe deſire to doe that write it, I ſhall have no cauſe to repent my preſenting you therewith. Let us endeavour to live Religiouſly, and then

then we need not doubt of our dying Comfortably, which ſhall be the earneſt prayer of

Your tryue affect ſo-

nate Uncle,

Clement Cotton.

To the Christian READER.

THE Hand of the Lord hath bin long ſtretched out against us in this City, by ſending ſundry ſorts of Diſeaſes & ſickneſſes amongſt us, whereof my ſelfe of late have had ſome experience. To many, theſe have proved mortall and deadly: and this is it that hath moved mee to open theſe few Lines following. I grant they are appropriated eſpecially to the ſicke: Yet ſo, that the whole

ſhould

ſhould not be excluded from reaping benefit thereby, which if by Gods grace they attaine; then have I the end of my labour, And ſo ever reſt,

Thy faithfull wel-

willer in Chriſt,

C. C.

The Sicke Mans A. B. C.

Q. *What art thou by nature?*

A. Oh Sir! a[a] *ſinner*, a[b] *ſinner*; a[c] vile and abominable *ſinner*, *Job* 15. 6.

a Ro. 5. 12
b Pſ. 51. 5
c Job 40. 4

Q. *The ſoule that ſinneth muſt*[d] dye. *Thou knoweſt there is no eſcaping for thee.*

d Ezek. 18 20.

A. I will not hide my ſin as[e] *Adam* did, with *David* I will[f] confeſſe it; and with *Job*, I will repent in duſt and aſhes for it.

e Job 31. 33
f Pſ. 32. 5
Job 42. 6.

Q. *Say thou doe ſo, thou art not ignorant, that* ſinne and

and death *will be dogging of thee at the heels.*

A. I doe not greatly feare what *ſinne and death* can doe againſt me.

Heb. 2. 14 15.

Q. *Why, I pray thee?*

A. Becauſe I have to deale with a *gracious God.*

Exo. 34. 6.

Q. *Who told thee that?*

A. Even his owne ſelfe.

Iſa. 33. 14.

Q. *He is alſo a devouring fire?*

Heb. 10. 27.

A. He is ſo, but it is to his enemies, and to them that periſh.

Q. *Mayeſt thou not alſo periſh?*

A. No, I cannot beleeve it.

Q. *Wherefore?*

A. Becauſe Jeſus Chriſt *by his blood,* hath [k] pacified Gods anger toward me.

[k] Ro. 3. 15

Q. *How*

Q. *How could the Blood of Chriſt effect it?*

A. Becauſe he was *God* that ſhed it. Act. 20. 28

Q. *But he ſhed it not for thee.* 1 Tim. 1. 15.

A. O, yes, yes.

Q. *Why for thee?*

A. Becauſe Sir, I doe from the very heart-root, [m] *long* after the *ſaving* and *healing* vertue of it, *Eph.* 1. 7. 1 Joh. 1. m Pſ. 51. 2 Luk. 18. 13.

Q. *Poſſible this thy longing* will not be *laſting.*

A. Yes, by Gods grace, *whileſt I have any breathing.*

Q. *Well, I muſt needs thus far (for thy comfort) yeeld unto thee, that Chriſt, by his death, hath given* ſin & death their doome; *ſo as reſting upon that thou haſt profeſſed,* they

they cannot hurt thee. *But yet thou art not* restored (*for all that*) into Gods favour *wherein alone consisteth life, and true happinesse, Ps.30.5.*

A. I expect and looke for that, onely *by his* [o] *imputing unto me, Christs perfect righteousnesse.*

Q. *Thou talkest of great matters; hadst thou faith to beleeve it?*

A. *I beleeve:* Now [p] Lord help my unbeliefe.

Q. *I blame thee not in seeking thy* Justification *from Christ: But may not an hypocrite doe this as well as thou?*

A. I doe from my soule, as earnestly long to have him made unto me, [q] *Sanctification* also. See *Ps.51.10*

Q. *How expectest thou sanctifica-*

o Col.5. 21. Rom.8.33 and 10.4.

p Mar.9. 24.

q 1 Cor.1. 30.

tification from Christ?

A. By the worke of his *Spirit*, 1 *Cor.* 6. 11. 2 Cor. 3. 18.

Q. *How doth the Spirit effect it?*

A. By *applying* unto my whole man, the power of his death, and resurrection, *Rom.* 6. 5, 6. by the one killing by degrees all sinne in me; by the other, quickning me unto new obedience. Col. 1. 18. 12, 13.

Q. *It seems then, thou not onely beleevest, that Christ will* save thee from the guilt and condemnation of sinne, but will also deliver thee from the power and bondage of sinne. Rom. 6. 14

A. That is my beliefe indeed, 1 *Pet.* 2. 9.

Q. *Thou beleevest truly: what God hath coupled to-*

gether, *that ought no man to put aſunder*, 1 Cor. 1. 30. *But couldeſt thou not be content* onely to have ſanctification in thy tongue, *that thou mighteſt be able freely to talk of Religion?* 1 Joh. 3. 18.

1 Theſ. 5. 23. A. No, not ſo: *Lord, I pray thee, let it be thorowout*, or not at all, 2 *Cor.* 7. 1. 1 *Cor.* 6. 20.

Rom. 7. 24. Q. *Sanctification is a* long way *to walke in*, many difficulties *accompanying it. May not the tediouſneſſe of the way cauſe thee in the end to* break off thy courſe, and finally to give it over?

1 Theſ. 5. 23, 24 A. I confeſſe, I find in my ſelfe but too much weakneſſe this way; yet my ſure hope is, that hee who hath begun a good worke in

in me, will not now leave it unperfected, *Phil.* 1.6.

Q. *Some having made a long progresse in profession, have growne at the length* to loath those meanes *of salvation, which once they seemed to love; and so have separated the means from the end.* 2 Tim. 4. 10.

A. But God by his Word and Spirit hath taught me otherwise, *Psal.* 37.4. that is, *not to expect for salvation from him, as the end, without a constant endeavouring to use all those helps which he hath sanctified to lead me thereunto.* Ps. 84.10. Ps. 26.8. 2 Pet. 1.5. & ver. 10.

Q. *I am glad it hath been my hap, to heare these good things from thee; I wish thee therefore to be of good comfort in the Lord; for, for ought I yet see, thou art in the way to*

be ſaved. Onely a word or two concerning thy preſent condition. *How takeſt thou this thy viſitation?*

Heb.1.15 A. I take it as ſent unto me, from the hand of a very gracious and loving Father.

Q. *But commonly calamities*

Lam.3.39 *in this kind, are* tokens of *Gods* diſpleaſure, *Le.26.15.*

A. In themſelves they are ſo, lighting upon the wicked: but I beleeve they are *ſent unto me in favour, and for my good.*

Q. *what is the ground of this thy perſwaſion?*

Rom.8 28 A. *Onely the Word of Truth,*

Rev.3.19. *which aſſures my Conſcience through the holy Ghoſt that it is ſo,* Heb.12.5,6.

Pſ.13.1,2 Q. *And yet* it may be long *ere God ſend deliverance.*

A. Be-

A. Be it ſo, yet I have determined, *that my ſoule ſhall wait on God, in hope and ſilence*, till his appointed time come: Yea, ſo I may come better out of this affliction than I went into it, *Job* 23. 10. *I ſhall not much haſten to be freed out of it.* Pſ. 62. 1, 5 Iſa. 28. 16

Q. *But if God ſhould ſhew a token of his goodneſſe upon thee*, and preſently turn thy ſickneſſe into health? Pſ. 86. 17.

A. If he ſhould doe ſo, *my greateſt feare is, leaſt I ſhould prove unthankfull*, 2 Chron. 32. 25.

Q. *On the other ſide, what if this ſickneſſe ſhall be* unto death, *that is, the ſeparating of the ſoule from the body?*

A. *Though I ſhould walke through the valley of the ſha-* Pſ. 23. 4.

don of death, yet would I leave none evill. See Rev. 14. 13.

Q. Doeſt thou not apprehend the Grave (into which thou must deſcend) to be an irkeſome and lothſome priſon?

Pſ. 49. 14.

A. Yes, conſidered out of Chriſt: but looking upon it through his buriall (whereby he hath perfumed it for me) it ſhall be much ſweeter to me then a bed of Roſes, Iſa. 57. 1, 2.

The Grave (ſaith one) ſhall not grieve me, becauſe it was my Lords Bed. Mr. H. S. Pr.

Q. Thy fleſh it may be, ſhall lye rotting a long time in the grave?

A. And yet, even there ſhal my fleſh reſt in hope.

Pſ. 16. 9.

Q. Thy dead bones (ſeeming to be neglected of God, and therefore neglected of men) muſt (as thou knoweſt) be regardleſly tumbled hither and thither,

Pſ. 141. 7.

thither, as if they were no better then unprofitable rubbiſh?

A. My God that *kept a regiſter of them, before they were, will much more be careull of them, now they are*; ſo that at the laſt day, *not the ſmalleſt ſhank-bone, or piece of a ſhiver thereof, no not the leſt pick of duſt ſhall be wanting*, Ezek. 37.7. Pſ. 139.14 15, 16. Pſ. 34.20. Job 19.26 27.

Q. *What thinkeſt thou ſhall become of thy* dead body *in the end?*

A. My Lord Jeſus Chriſt (who is the Reſurrection and the Life) will (according to his faithfull Word) *raiſe it up at the laſt day*, Joh. 6.54. Joh. 11.16 See Mat. 27.52, 53. Act. 3.21 See *Beza* Ser. upon Mat. 27. 52, 53.

Q. *Shall thy dead body then be* onely raiſed *up at the laſt day?*

A. No, I verily beleeve that though *this body* be turned into duſt, *yet it ſhall be re-united againe to this ſoule, which now inhabiteth in it.*

Iob 19.37
Rom.8.23

Q. *And ſhall this be all?*

A. Not ſo: For being thus really united by the unſpeakable power of God, *I ſhall ſee Chriſt* comming in the clouds, for my full redemption out of all miſeries, and woe; and no ſooner ſhall I get a ſight of him, but I ſhall forthwith be changed in a moment, and in the twinckling of an eye: After which, being (with the reſt of the Saints) caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the ayre, I ſhall thenceforth be ever with the Lord, in

Ioh.3.2.
Col.3.3,4

1 Cor.15.52.

1 Theſ.4.17.

Pſ.16.11.

in whoſe preſence is the fulneſſe of joy, and at whoſe right hand are pleaſures for evermore.

Concluſion.

BE it unto thee as thou haſt ſaid: and ſeeing we looke for ſuch things as theſe, the Lord give thee and me grace to be diligent, that we may be found of him in peace, without ſpot, and blameleſſe before him at his comming, Amen, Amen. 1 Joh. 3. 3. 2 Pet. 3. 14

FINIS.

A *Short Admonition* touching the *Heart*.

Jer. 32. 45 WHatſoever good thing GOD beſtowes upon us, he doth it with his whole heart; therefore, if thou then give

Pro. 23. 26. any thing to *God*, give him thine *heart*.

2 Chron. 31. 21. If thou doe any thing for *God*, doe it with all thine *heart*.

Act. 8. 37. Beleeve in him alſo with all thy *heart*.

Deut. 10. 12. Love him with all thy *heart*.

Obey

Obey him from thy *heart*. Rom. 6.17
Feare him with thy *heart*. Jer. 32.40
Seeke him with all thy *heart*. Jer. 29.13

Turne to him with all thine *heart*. Joel 2.12.

Rejoyce in him with thine *heart*. Zac. 10.7.

Pray to him with thy *heart*. Pſal. 119. 145.

And prayſe him with thy *heart*. Pſa. 119.7

If thou lay up *Gods* Word in any place, lay it up in thy *heart*. Luk 2.51

If thou be a carefull keeper of any thing, let it be of thine *heart*. Pro. 23.14

Say not but thou haſt had warning.

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